

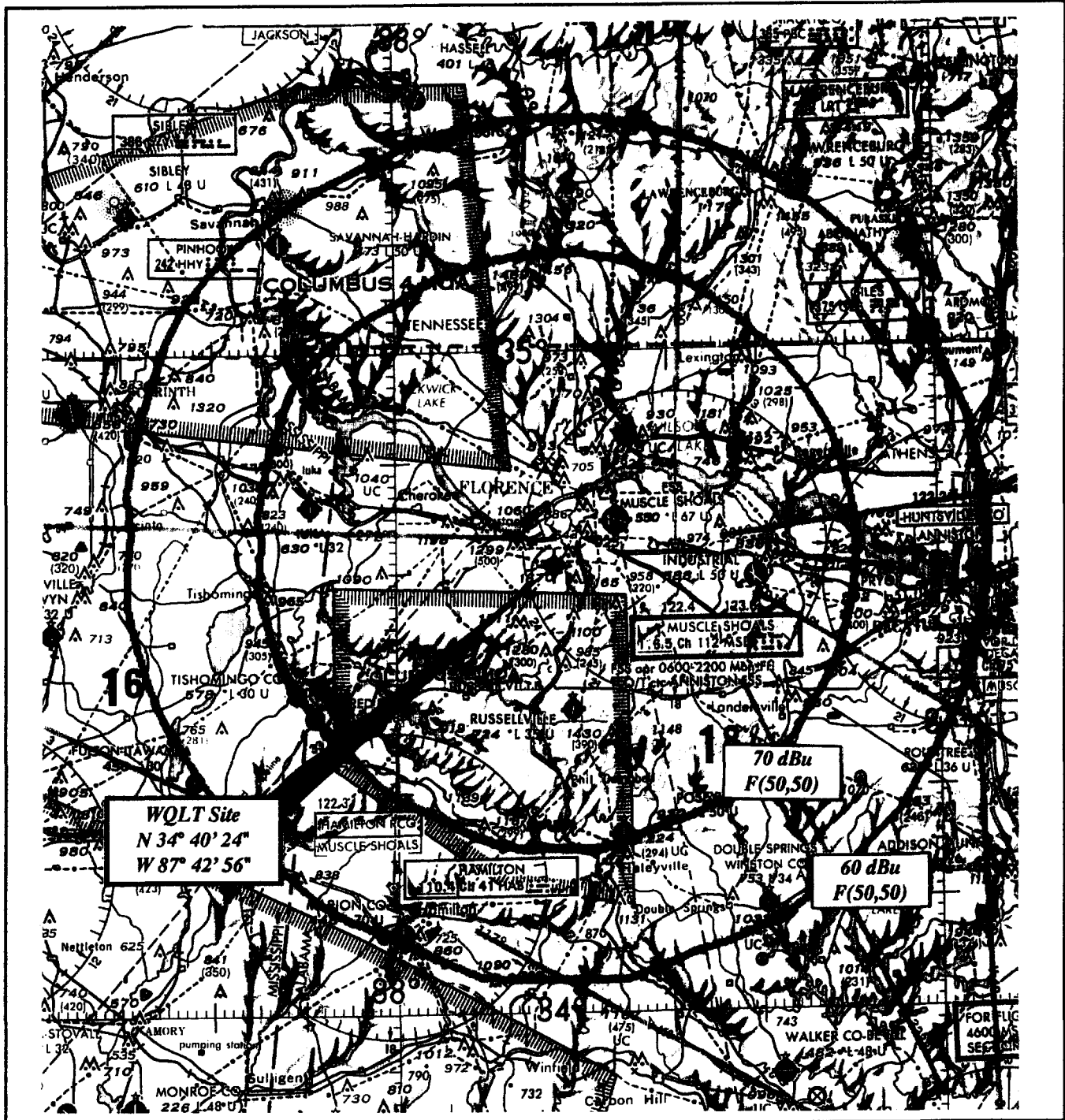
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**FIGURE 2**  
**COVERAGE CONTOURS**  
**BIG RIVER BROADCASTING CORP.**  
**WQLT-FM CHANNEL 297 CLASS C1**  
**FLORENCE, ALABAMA**



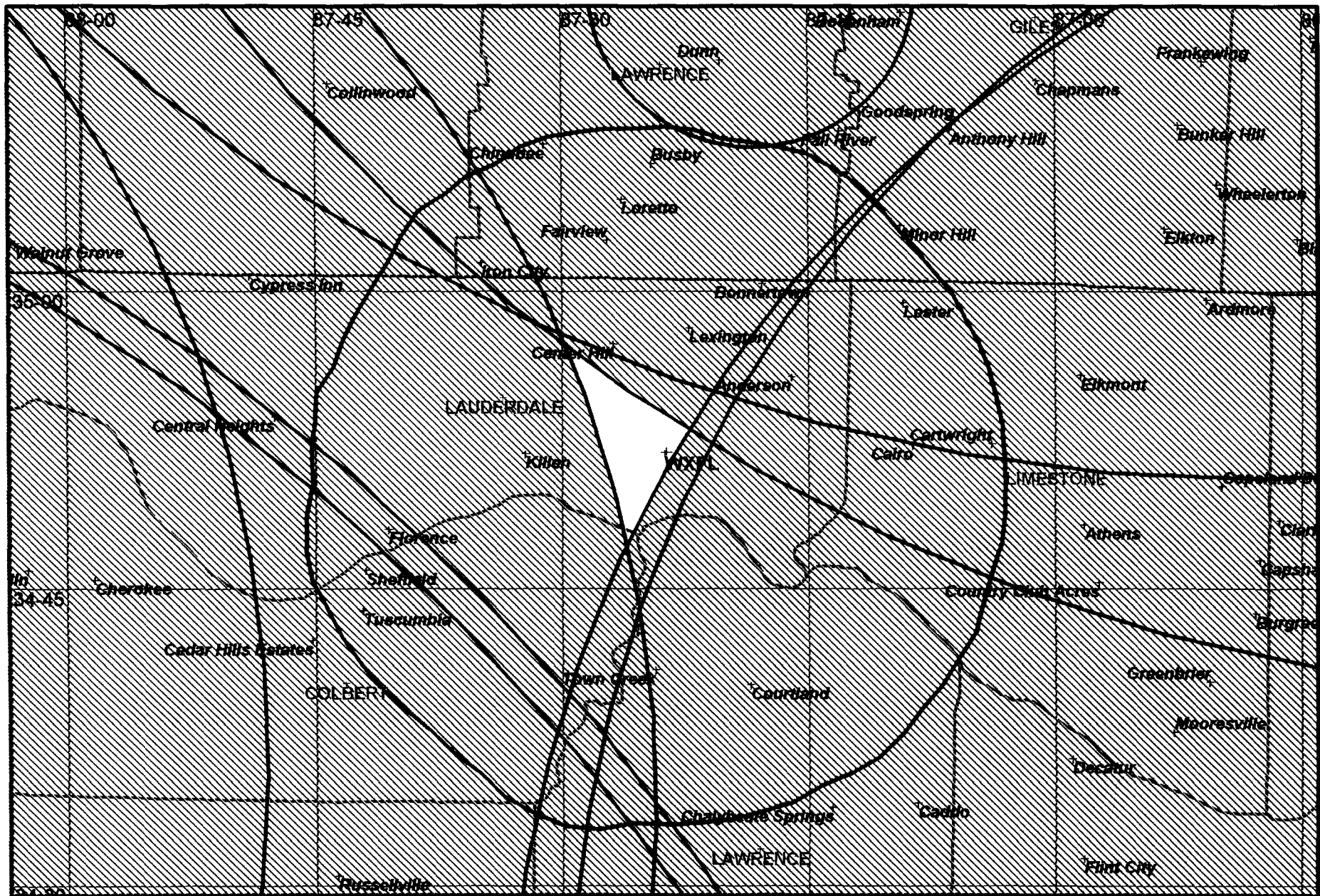
**FIGURE 3**  
**FM SEPARATION STUDY**  
**BIG RIVER BROADCASTING CORP.**  
**WXFL- FM CHANNEL 241 CLASS C2**  
**KILLEN, ALABAMA**

FM search of channel 241C2 (96.1 MHz), at N. 34 51 52, W. 87 23 43.

Searching Channel 241C2 (96.1 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Holly Pond	AL	238	A	U	107.0	55.0	137.7°	52.0
W238AD	Trinity	AL	238	D	L	33.4	0.0	120.8°	33.4
WXXRFM	Holly Pond	AL	238	A	L	106.0	55.0	142.7°	51.0
ALC	Nashville	TN	238	C	U	149.5	105.0	18.7°	44.5
WSMFM	Nashville	TN	238	C	L	149.5	105.0	18.7°	44.5
K239AA	Fayetteville	TN	239	D	L	79.9	0.0	68.6°	79.9
ALC	Guntersville	AL	240	C3	U	120.6	117.0	116.2°	3.6
WTWTFM	Guntersville	AL	240	C3	L	117.9	117.0	119.7°	0.9
ALC	Potts Camp	MS	240	C3	U	156.8	117.0	259.2°	39.8
WCNA	Saltillo	MS	240	C3	A	122.7	117.0	254.1°	5.7
WCNA	Potts Camp	MS	240	C3	D	159.2	117.0	259.3°	42.2
WCNA	Potts Camp	MS	240	C3	L	159.2	117.0	259.3°	42.2
ALC	Camden	TN	240	A	V	147.1	106.0	334.1°	41.1
ALC	Lawrenceburg	TN	240	A	U	44.3	106.0	10.5°	-61.7
WDXEFM	Lawrenceburg	TN	240	A	L	44.3	106.0	10.5°	-61.7
ALC	Florence	AL	241	C2	V	0.0	190.0	0.0°	-190.0
ALC	Florence	AL	241	A	U	28.1	166.0	244.2°	-137.9
W241AA	Huntsville	AL	241	D	C	70.4	0.0	96.4°	70.4
WXFL	Florence	AL	241	C2	A	0.0	190.0	0.0°	-190.0
WXFL	Florence	AL	241	A	L	36.2	166.0	234.1°	-129.8
ALC	Atlanta	GA	241	C	U	304.6	249.0	112.6°	55.6
WKLS	Atlanta	GA	241	C	L	304.6	249.0	112.6°	55.6
ALC	Owensboro	KY	241	C	U	322.7	249.0	0.6°	73.7
WSTO	Owensboro	KY	241	C	L	322.7	249.0	0.6°	73.7
ALC	Eupora	MS	241	C2	U	214.8	190.0	226.1°	24.8
NEW	Tunica	MS	241	C3	C	253.7	177.0	266.5°	76.7
WLZA	Eupora	MS	241	C2	L	211.6	190.0	226.3°	21.6
ALC	Murfreesboro	TN	242	C1	U	160.8	158.0	32.6°	2.8
WRMX	Murfreesboro	TN	242	C1	L	160.8	158.0	32.6°	2.8
WRMX	Murfreesboro	TN	242	C1	C	164.6	158.0	19.3°	6.6
ALC	Birmingham	AL	243	C	U	164.6	105.0	163.2°	59.6
WMJJ	Birmingham	AL	243	C	L	164.6	105.0	163.2°	59.6
NEW	Parker Crossroads	TN	243	A	A	134.1	55.0	317.7°	79.1
ALC	Centerville	TN	244	A	U	108.0	55.0	351.7°	53.0
WNKXFM	Centerville	TN	244	A	L	108.0	55.0	351.7°	53.0
ALC	Lawrenceburg	TN	294	A	V	44.3	15.0	10.5°	29.3
W294AD	Pulaski	TN	294	D	L	50.4	0.0	41.0°	50.4
WDXEFM	Lawrenceburg	TN	294	A	A	44.3	15.0	10.5°	29.3
NEW-T	Trinity	AL	295	D	A	33.4	0.0	120.8°	33.4

### Figure 3A-WXFL Killen, Alabama Class C2 Clearance Map



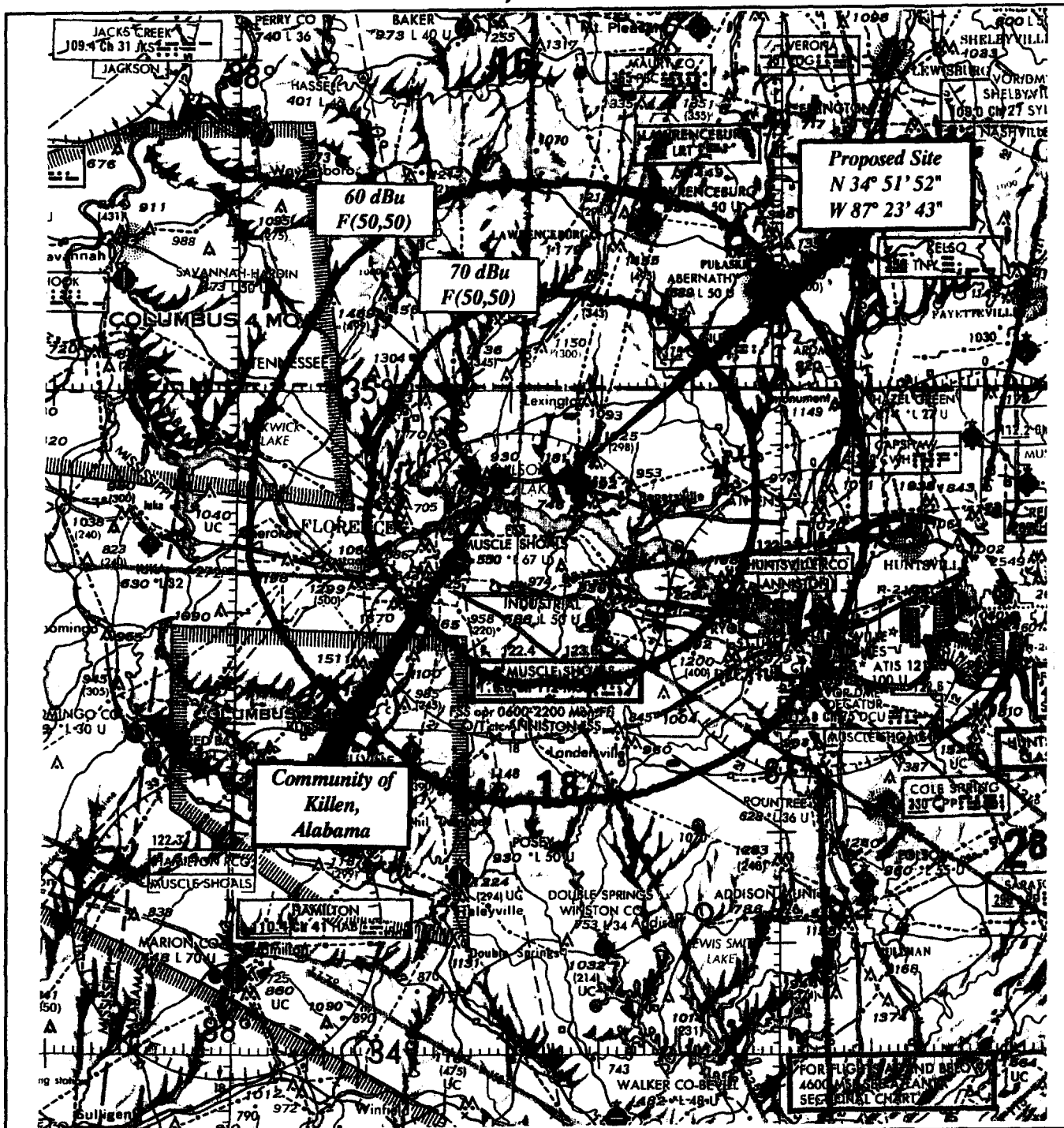
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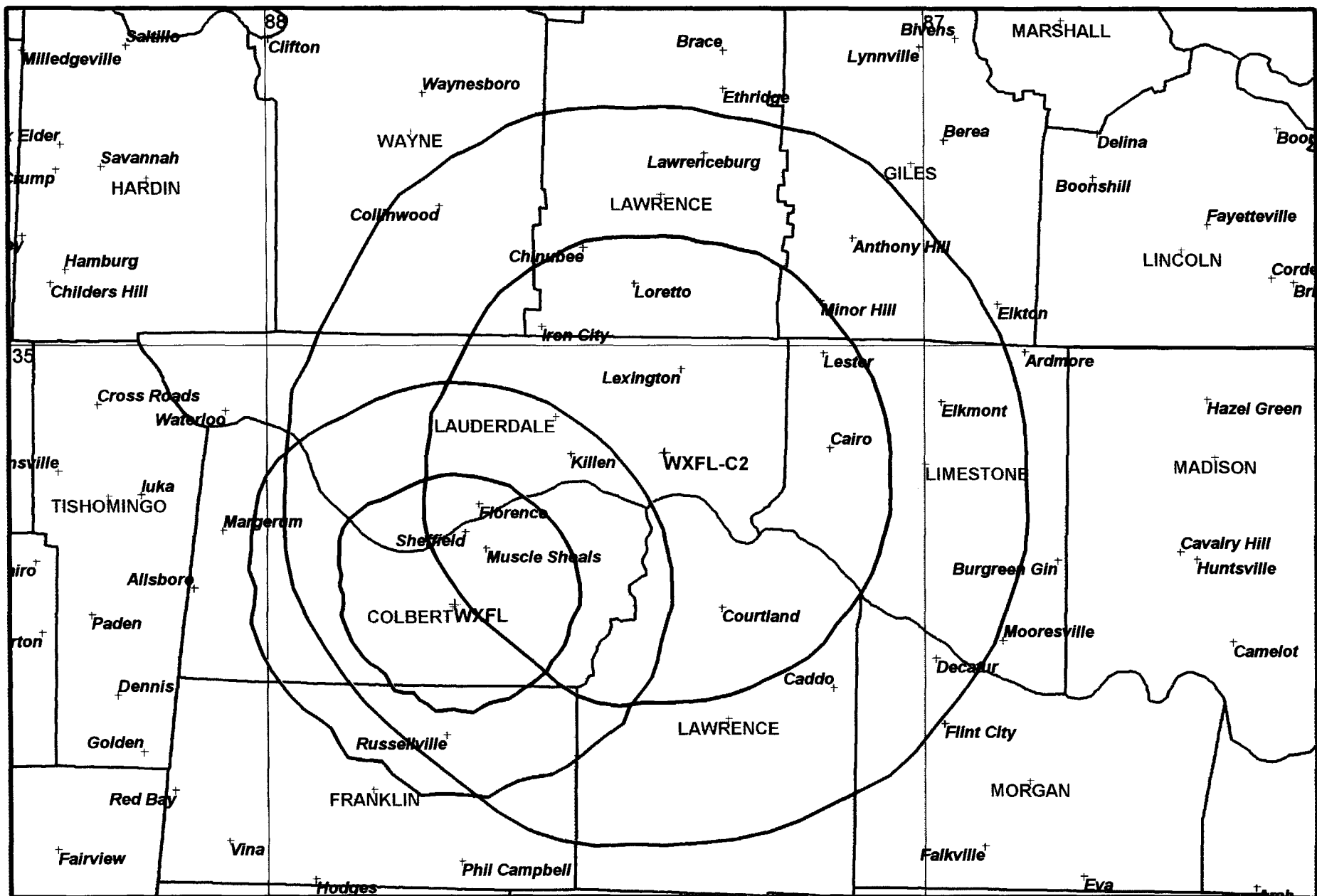
**FIGURE 4**  
**COVERAGE CONTOURS**  
**BIG RIVER BROADCASTING CORP.**  
**WXFL- FM CHANNEL 241 CLASS C2**  
**KILLEN, ALABAMA**



**Kilometer Scale**  
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**Figure 5-WXFL Present Class A Coverage/WXFL Class C2 Coverage**



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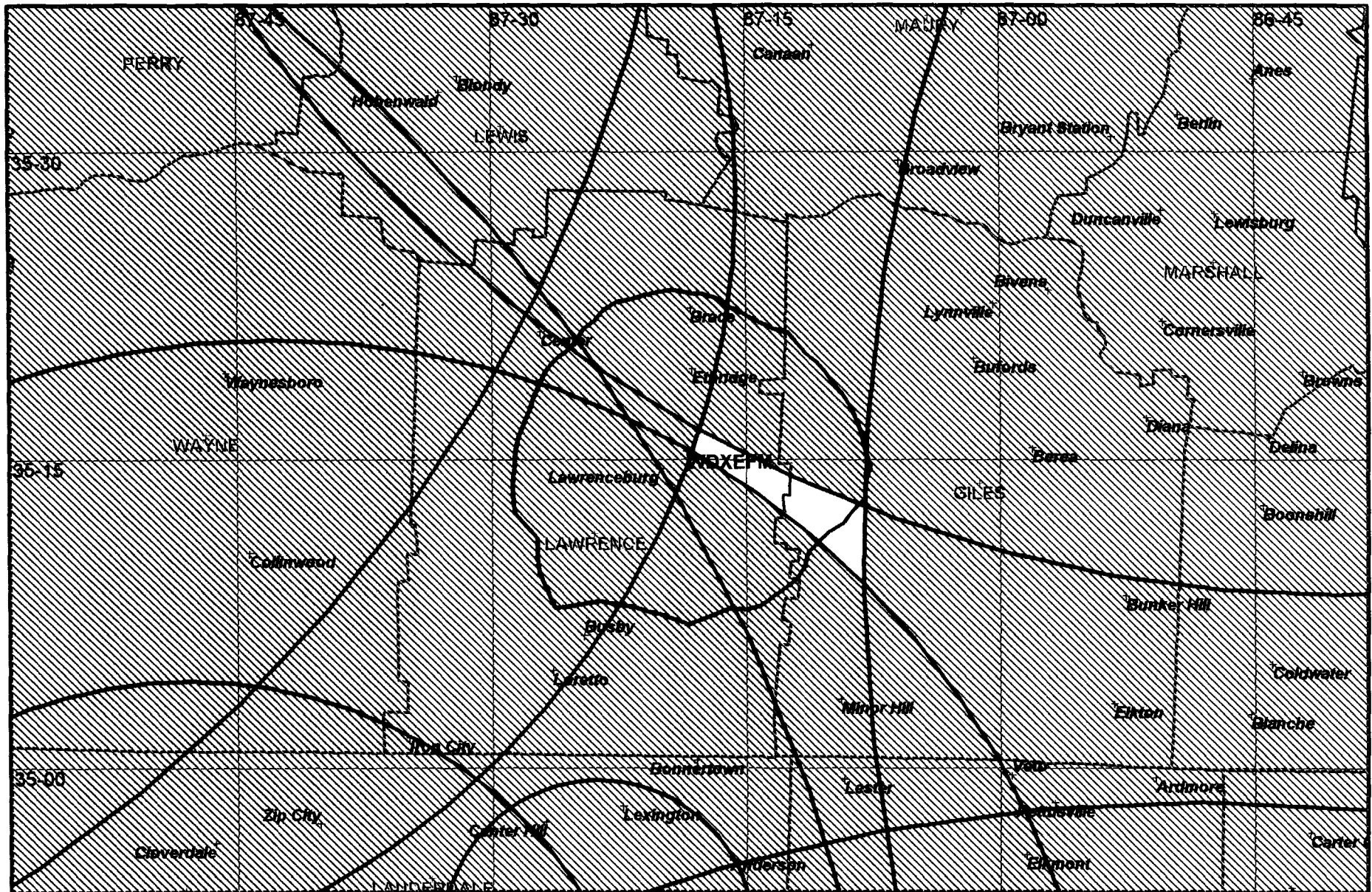
**FIGURE 6**  
**FM SEPARATION STUDY**  
**H-M-S BROADCASTING, INC.**  
**WDXE-FM CHANNEL 294 CLASS A**  
**LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE**

MAPFM search of channel 294A6 (106.7 MHz), at N. 35 15 25, W. 87 18 24.

Searching Channel 294A6 (106.7 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Lawrenceburg	TN	240	A	U	0.0	10.0	0.0°	-10.0
WDXEFM	Lawrenceburg	TN	240	A	L	0.0	10.0	0.0°	-10.0
ALC	Florence	AL	241	C2	V	44.3	14.0	190.5°	30.3
ALC	Florence	AL	241	A	U	65.0	10.0	210.8°	55.0
WXFL	Florence	AL	241	C2	A	44.3	14.0	190.5°	30.3
WXFL	Florence	AL	241	A	L	74.7	10.0	210.0°	64.7
ALC	Hartselle	AL	291	C3	U	104.7	42.0	148.4°	62.7
WTAKFM	Hartselle	AL	291	C3	L	107.0	42.0	145.5°	65.0
ALC	Sheffield	AL	292	C3	U	64.9	42.0	234.8°	22.9
WBTGFM	Sheffield	AL	292	C3	L	77.0	42.0	215.6°	35.0
ALC	Oak Grove	KY	293	C3	V	166.3	89.0	355.5°	77.3
ALC	Clifton	TN	293	A	A	71.7	72.0	289.0°	-0.3
ALC	Chattanooga	TN	293	C	U	181.4	165.0	93.3°	16.4
WSKZ	Chattanooga	TN	293	C	L	181.4	165.0	93.3°	16.4
ALC	New Albany	MS	294	C2	U	176.5	166.0	238.9°	10.5
WWZDFM	New Albany	MS	294	C2	L	169.0	166.0	239.6°	3.0
ALC	Lawrenceburg	TN	294	A	V	0.0	115.0	0.0°	-115.0
ALC	Mount Juliet	TN	294	A	U	130.2	115.0	29.8°	15.2
W294AD	Pulaski	TN	294	D	L	25.5	0.0	102.4°	25.5
WDXEFM	Lawrenceburg	TN	294	A	A	0.0	115.0	0.0°	-115.0
WNPL	Belle Meade	TN	294	A	A	114.5	115.0	25.9°	-0.5
WNPL	Mount Juliet	TN	294	A	D	130.2	115.0	29.8°	15.2
WNPL	Mount Juliet	TN	294	A	C	117.1	115.0	29.5°	2.1
ALC	Birmingham	AL	295	C	U	201.6	165.0	166.6°	36.6
NEW-T	Trinity	AL	295	D	A	64.1	0.0	161.3°	64.1
WODL	Birmingham	AL	295	C	L	201.6	165.0	166.6°	36.6
ALC	Mckenzie	TN	295	C1	U	151.7	133.0	298.1°	18.7
WWYN	Mckenzie	TN	295	C1	L	151.7	133.0	298.1°	18.7
ALC	Tullahoma	TN	296	A	A	88.8	31.0	83.4°	57.8
ALC	Florence	AL	297	C	U	74.7	95.0	210.0°	-20.3
WQLT	Florence	AL	297	C	L	74.7	95.0	210.0°	-20.3
WQLT	Florence	AL	297	C1	C	74.7	75.0	210.0°	-0.3

**Figure 6A-WDXE Lawrenceburg, TN Channel 294A Clearance Map**



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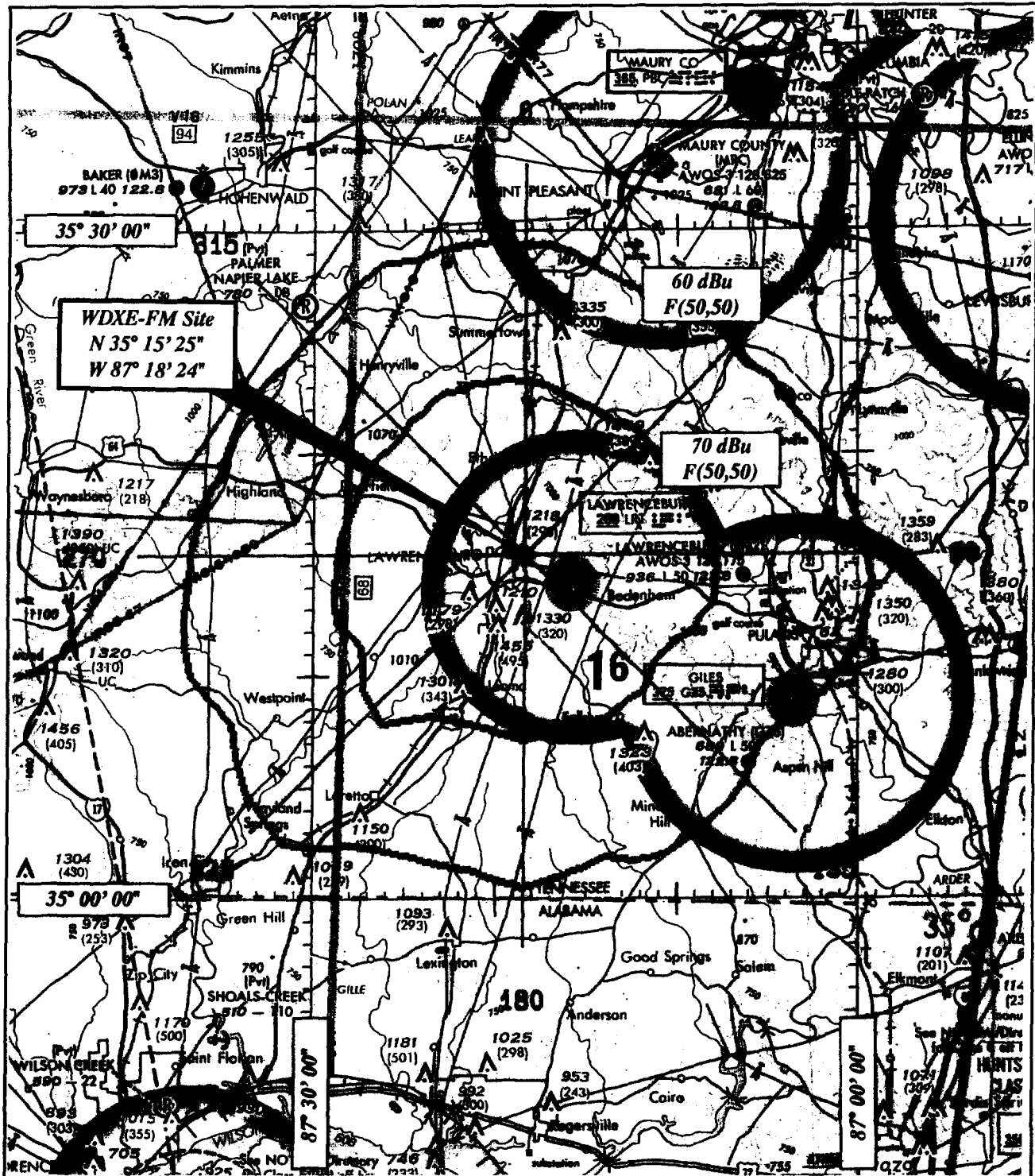
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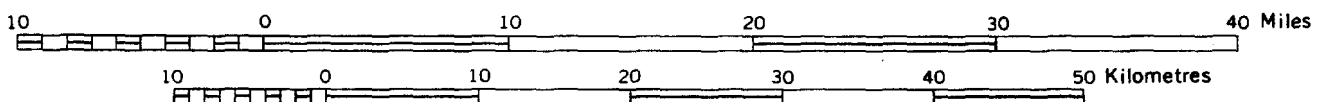


**FIGURE 7**  
**COVERAGE CONTOURS**  
**H-M-S BROADCASTING, INC.**  
**WDXE-FM CHANNEL 294 CLASS A**  
**LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE**



Scale 1:500,000

1 inch equals approximately 8 miles



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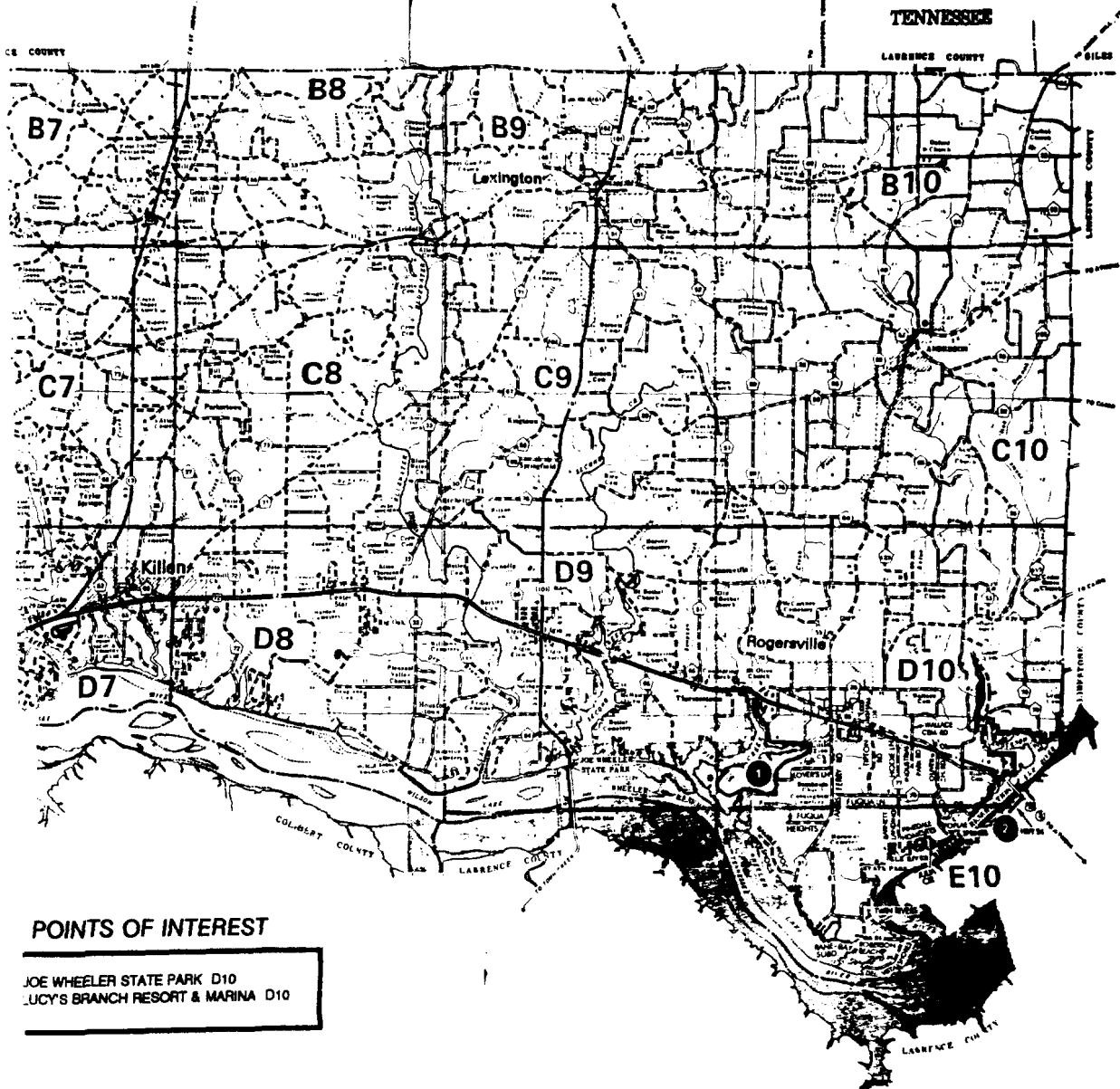
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Brooks Elementary School



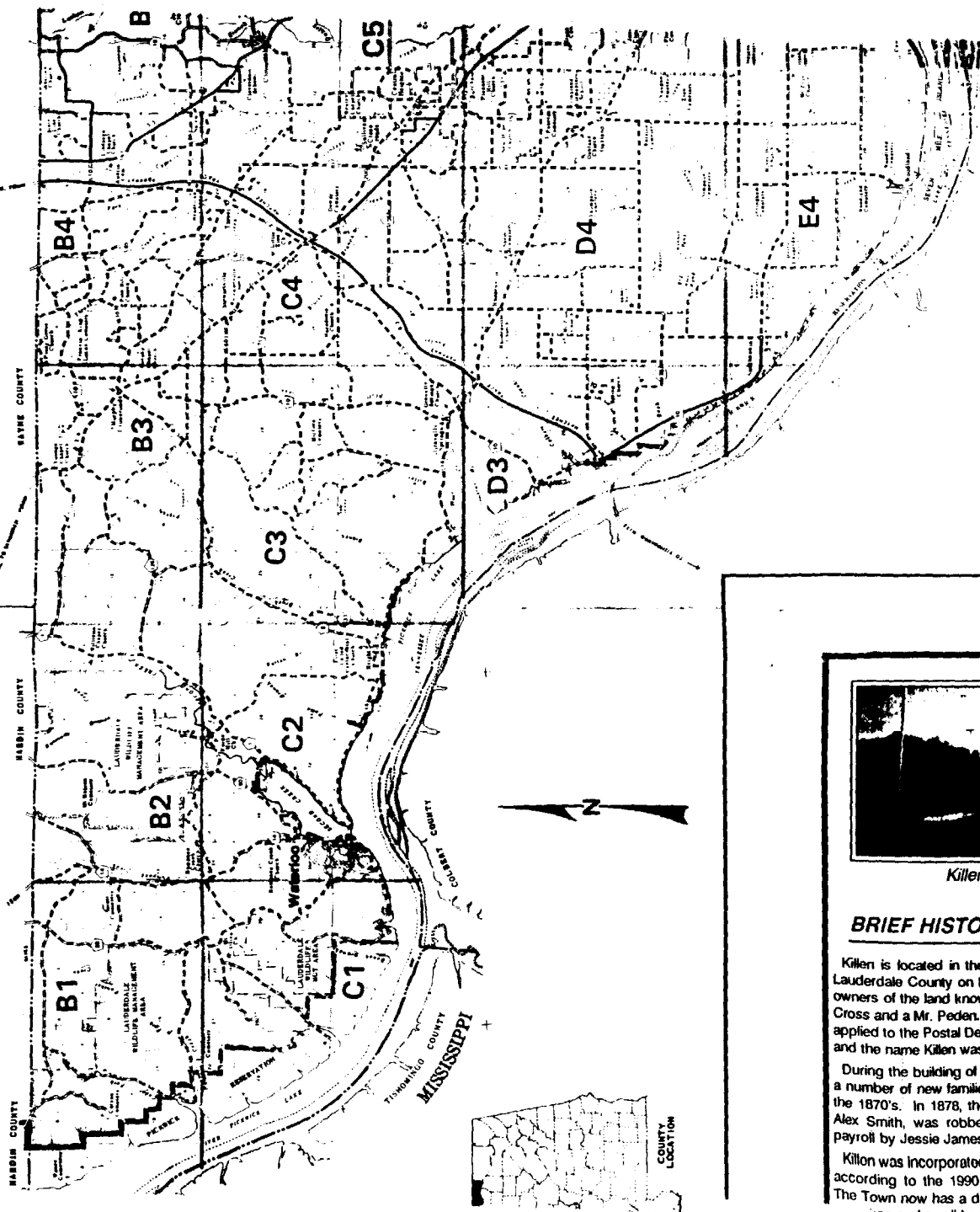
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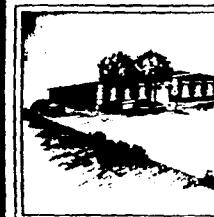
### Killen Park

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF KILLEN**

Killen is located in the southeastern portion of Lauderdale County on Highway 72. The original owners of the land known as Killen were Dr. S.E. Cross and a Mr. Peden. In 1896, Mr. Sharp Killen applied to the Postal Department for a post office and the name Killen was selected.

During the building of the Muscle Shoals Canal, a number of new families moved into the area in the 1870's. In 1878, the paymaster at the canal, Alex Smith, was robbed of the canal worker's payroll by Jessie James.




Killam was incorporated in 1957. The population, according to the 1990 census, is 1047 people. The Town now has a doctor, two dentists, several businesses and small businesses.







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**ROADS AND ROADWAY FEATURES**



INTERSTATE ROAD  STATE HIGHWAY  UNIMPROVED ROAD 



GRAVEL AND DIRT ROAD  SOIL SURFACED ROAD 



GRAVEL ON TIE ROAD  GRAVEL ON LEASE 



PAVED ROAD - REEFER OR LESS  GRAVEL ON TIE ROAD 



PAVED ROAD  4 LANE UNIMPROVED HIGHWAY 



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

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
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

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

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

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

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

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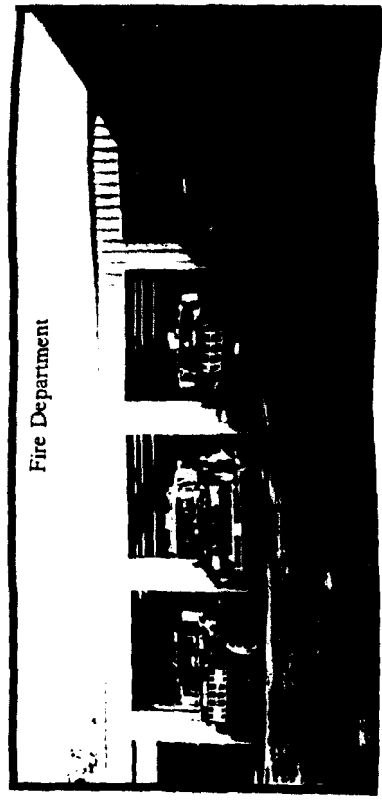
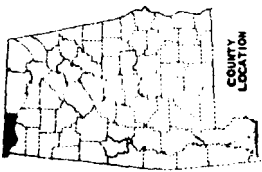
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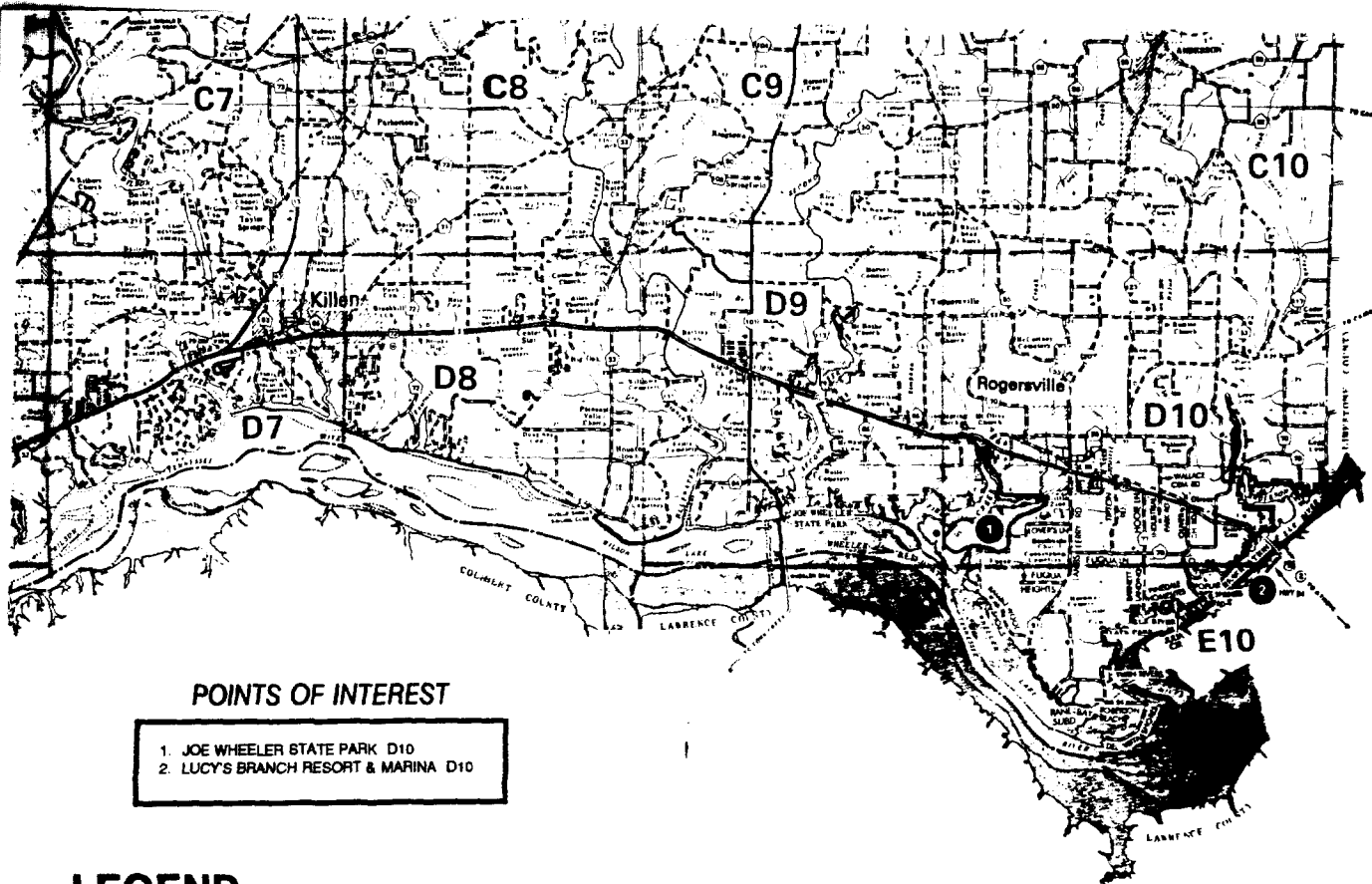
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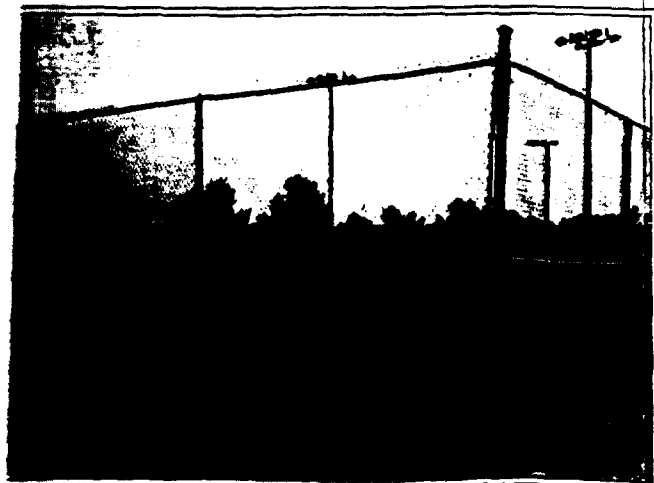


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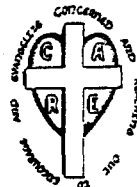
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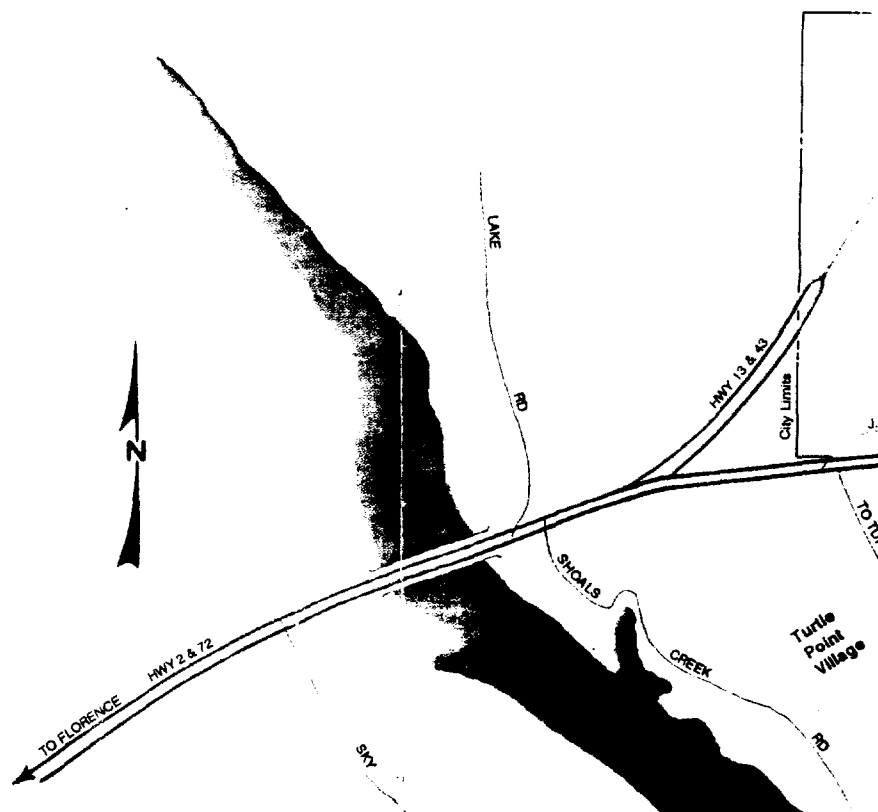
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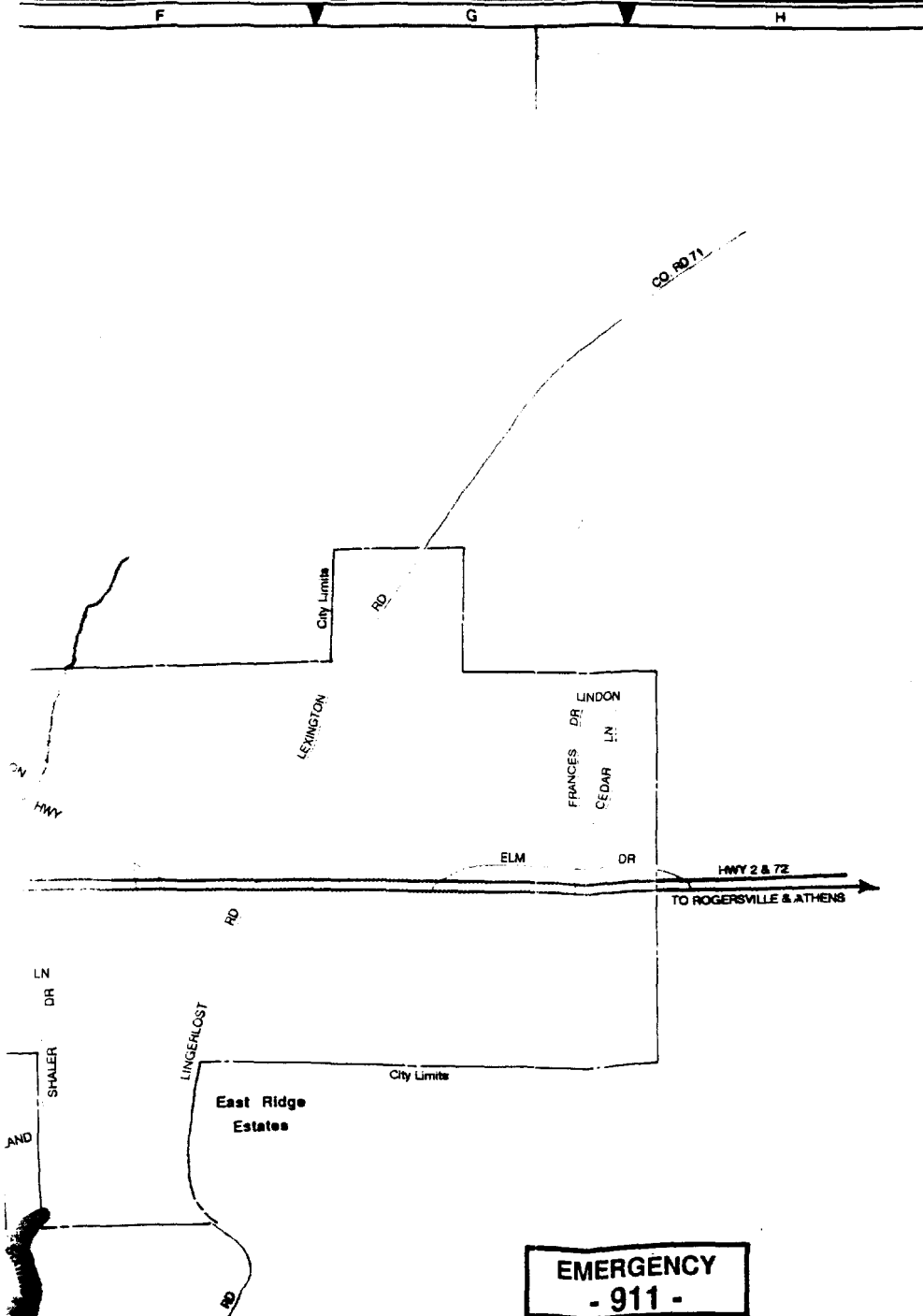
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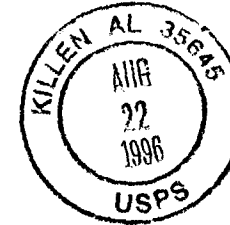
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## **ATTACHMENT 4**

KILLEN, ALABAMA  
100TH ANNIVERSARY  
AUGUST 22, 1996



THE KILLENS OPENED A STORE HERE IN 1895 AND HE WAS APPOINTED THE FIRST POSTMASTER A YEAR LATER. THE FIRST KILLEN POST OFFICE, NAMED FOR HIM, OPENED AUGUST 22, 1896 IN HIS STORE THAT WAS LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE BRIDGE ROAD AND J.C. MAULDIN HIGHWAY.

JAMES SHARP KILLEN 1868 - 1949  
JENNIE PEDEN KILLEN 1872 - 1938

## History of Killen

In 1894, only three houses were here. Dr. Shade Cross owned his home and the old McMahan home was built before the Civil War. It was an Inn. The house is a two-story log building with a chimney at each end. After Dr. Cross died, it was sold to Mr. Sam Henson. He raised his family there. After his death, Mr. J.H. Miles bought it. At this writing (1959), the house is 125 years old.

Mr. Tom Peden owned a home here where the David Munn home is now and several acres of land. In 1895, he deeded five acres to his daughter, Mrs. Sharp Killen and husband of Greenhill. Dr. Cross and Mr. Peden owned all the land that is known as Killen now.

Mr. Killen built the first store here and later his home. The U.S. Headquarters for the Muscle Shoals Canal at Lock Six on the Tennessee River one mile south of Killen was completed in 1890 so boats could pass up and down the river. This brought a number of families here and there was a great demand for a Post Office. The people had to go to Florence for their mail. Florence was ten miles from here. In 1896, Mr. Sharp Killen applied to the Postal Department for a post office. It was a dry goods box with shelves in it and sat on the counter. When asked the name of the new office, Mr. Killen said, "We will name it Killen."

Our town was incorporated in 1957. Then there were 632 inhabitants.

The main industry here is work on the Tennessee River at Wilson and Wheeler dams.

During the building of Muscle Shoals Canal, Alex Smith was paymaster a month, the workmen were paid. Mr. Smith rode <sup>horseback</sup> up and

down the river and paid them. He carried the money in two sacks thrown across the front of his saddle. At this time the James Gang were dreaded robbers. Mr. Smith was held up by them. They took \$5,200 from him. The money was divided between them. However, Mr. Smith was given his month's salary of \$65.00 and left not to open his eyes until the robbers were out of sight. This was March 11, 1878.



# History of KILLEN

Sept. 4, 1975 - The Florence Picture

It is not known when Dr. Shadrick Epperson Cross first came to what is now Killen, Alabama. It is known that he owned all the property and the first two houses constructed in the area. Cross's son and family lived in one of the houses. Later Cross built a gin and tenant houses, which started the inhabiting of a section of North Alabama before the Civil War.

Prior to 1890, when the Muscle Shoals Canal system was completed, navigation by barge was impossible beyond Florence, due to the shallow water and "mean" shoals. The project for construction of nine locks, which covered twelve and one-eighth miles was begun in 1871. People began to know where the area later named Killen was located. For only a short distance, south, was the location of lock number six. Employees and administrators built homes near the lock. A supply store, sawmill, shipyard, carpenter shop, machine shop and a foundry were the businesses operated in the Lock Six community to serve the people, repair the barges and maintain the train and track which ran from Lock One to Lock Nine.

The main offices were located in Florence and pay for the canal employees was sent out on horseback once each month by rider Alexander Smith. In 1881 he was robbed by the Jesse James gang of the payroll, consisting of \$5200. The gang gave Smith his salary of \$65 for the month and released him near the present location of Antioch church. The payroll was never recovered.

Though Killen continued to grow without Lock Six and all of its contributions, Killen might have been a much larger city today, had the flood waters created by TVA not taken its beginning.

However, during the canal era the people who lived away from the river banks were starting the city of Killen today. Tom Peeden, wrote his daughter, who had married James Sharpe Killen asking them to return to Killen. He promised them five acres of land. They did return and built a store opening the doors to the first general merchandise business which carried dry goods, groceries and hardware in 1895. They lived in the back of the store until they were able to save the \$10 needed for materials to build the frame for their house.

Population grew and other businesses were opened which created the need for a post office. James Killen applied to the U. S. Government for postal service and submitted three names. The name of Killen was selected and the wooden dry goods boxes in Killen's store became the mail holes for the first Killen Post Office in 1896.

The first rural route was established in 1905. W. D. Stutts, the first carrier, delivered the mail with a two

bad weather he had to spend the night with a boxholder.

The canal had offered employment other than farming for the residents of Killen. They became financially able to purchase cars. Ulmer Roberts bought the first one. Soon the Cox brothers, Guy and Herbert, opened the first automobile garage.

For good schools and continued education, students went to Florence, Green Hill, Rogersville or Athens. However, the small one-room schools, Brooks, on the Brooks Plantation and Brown's

Chapel were finally replaced with a new building in the center of Killen on land donated by M. B. Jones and Lee Harrison. It was still just one-room but large and the parents had to buy the desk for their children. In 1935 the frame building became too small and the present brick building was constructed.

Prior to 1904 the Methodists held services in the Brown's Chapel School. In 1912 they built a church on land donated by J. B. Mc-Peters on the main street in Killen.

The Baptists began their services in 1904 in an old store building, which they purchased. In 1928 they suspended services. Reverend W. T. Blackburn was one of the first ministers. T. M. Rogers donated land in 1946 for the Baptists to construct a new church and in 1948 the sanctuary was opened.

Around 1911 the Church of Christ members began meeting in a tent on the Holliday Place and in Popular Springs school. Jake Comer donated some land and they built a church about three miles north of Killen. The members felt that a church needed to be in the center of Killen. So, in 1924 W. L. Cox gave a lot on College Street

and a church was built in downtown Killen.

Today all three denominations have modern, large churches to serve the many residents in the center of Killen.

Killen's first telephone was in the home of Dee Harrison. He ran the line from Florence and kept it repaired by himself.

Today nearly all the residents have telephones, call shop at major chains such as Piggly Wiggly and Western Auto; may purchase their medicinal supplies at a large modern drug store and sell their real estate through a choice of reputable real estate offices. In fact, the residents of Killen could possibly survive without going to another city. Automobile garages, a florist, welding shop, wrought iron and glass work, TV and radio sales and service, furniture upholstery, lawn mower sales and service, used variety, sports supplies, antique shop, a bank and beauty and barber shops add to the revenue received in the

the Police Jurisdiction a 1/2 cent sales tax is added to the income for the city, from Robbins Floor Products, an industry, plus three marinas, a garden nursery, two motels and restaurants. The Turtle Point Country Club is also in

the jurisdiction, which brings people from many distant places to their activities such as golf tournaments.

Killen still has a few of its early stores, but a new City Hall and Fire department are now flanked by many new buildings or names of business. The most recent business added to Killen are pool and patio contractors.

The city can boast of one daytime fireman on duty, paid and about 30 volunteer firemen. They have two patrol cars and three policemen.

Mayor Bob Kennedy and his four councilmen; Jerry Mitchell, finance chairman; R. L. Shook, streets, O. F. Thompson, police and Don

Phillips in charge of the fire department, keep the city functions in order. The city was incorporated in 1958.

Killen does not have a doctor today. Dr. S. S. Roberts of Florence began his career in Killen. Two other doctors had practiced in years before him. However, with the steady rise in population and growing needs Killen may be a good place for another doctor to start his career. The Brooks Lions would like to have their own doctor along with their present druggist.

Brooks High School has a new building this year, which includes a cafeteria and class rooms. The additional class

rooms made it possible for the seventh grade to be moved from the Junior High-Elementary location to the new campus, which was built in 1968. Plans are for all grades to be located on the present high school grounds some two miles from the center of Killen.

The river is providing enticement for so many new subdivisions along the river which then extend north to the city of Killen that the city is soon to spread from the river banks into a closely populated metropolis. The Brooks' school will no longer stand alone, but will be surrounded by Killen residents and places of employment.

Dr. William Brown would like to open a dental office in the city of Killen. He has recently moved to Lingerlost in the Killen vicinity from Smyrna, Ga., where he was in practice with another dentist. Dr. Brown graduated from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1974 and practiced in Georgia for a year before returning to Alabama. He is presently planning construction of a dental office in Killen and sees the Killen area as a place with growth potential as well as a fine place to live. Dr. Brown is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Brown of Florence.

## **ATTACHMENT 5**